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TWELFTH FIVE YEAR PLAN
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has held any consultations with the various stake holders in the agriculture sector including State Governments, farmers and agriculture based industries before setting up target for the Twelfth Five Year Plan and to devise a strategy to achieve higher growth in the said sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the schemes included in the Twelfth Five Year Plan to achieve the desired target;

(d) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Central Government to involve the farmers and NGOs relating to farmers in the policy framing; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Planning Commission constituted a Steering Committee and 11 Working Groups to recommend policies and initiatives in the Agriculture and Allied Sectors during the 12th Five-Year Plan. These covered the following specific areas:

1. Crop Husbandry, Agricultural Inputs, Demand and Supply Projections and Agricultural Statistics

2. Horticulture & Plantation Crops

3. Animal Husbandry & Dairying

4. Agricultural Development and Management of Fisheries and Aquaculture

5. Outreach of Institutional Finance, Cooperatives and Risk Management

6. Marketing Infrastructure, Secondary Agriculture and Policy required for Internal and External Trade

7 Agriculture Research & Education

8. Management of Natural Resources & Rainfed Farming

9. Agricultural Extension

10. Decentralized Planning in Agriculture

11. Disadvantaged Farmers including Women

The Steering Committee and the Working Groups were represented by the eminent experts in their respective fields, the State Government officers, the NGOs and other stakeholders. The Chairmen of the Working Groups have held meeting with the State Government representatives to obtain State's perspective in the formulation of the Twelth Plan. The Steering Committee has held interfaces with the State Governments, farmer's organizations, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and other industrial chambers. Based on the recommendations of the Steering Committee and the Working Groups further policy measures and other initiatives will be taken during the Twelfth Five-Year Plan to achieve higher agricultural growth. For wider consultation a web based consultative process was initiated by the Planning Commission in which all interested persons were invited to give their comments and suggestions by logging onto the website of the Planning Commission on the identified issues. A target of 4% growth per annum in agricultural GDP has been envisaged in the approach paper to the 12th Five Year Plan so as to achieve a growth rate of 9% per annum for the economy.

(c): The details of the schemes to be included in the 12th Five Year Plan and investments are yet to be finalized.

(d) & (e): As mentioned in answer to parts (a) & (b), the farmers and NGOs have been consulted in formulating the 12th Five Year Plan. Further, the Commission on Agriculture Costs & Prices (CACP) and the Ministry of Agriculture hold meetings with the farmers and NGOs at regular intervals.